

As we enter the final week of the year, our theme is 'Finishing Well – Setting Yourself Up for a Strong Start in the New Year'. Before heading into the holidays, take time to make sure you have everything you need: notes organised, deadlines clear, and any outstanding work completed or planned for. This is your chance to tie up loose ends so you can fully enjoy the break without unfinished tasks hanging over you. Think of it as giving your future self a fresh, uncluttered start in January. A little preparation now means you can relax over the holidays and return ready to step confidently into the New Year.

#### **UNIVERSITY SEARCHES**

The trip to Liverpool University last week was a great success.

Year 12 students will visit Edge Hill in April. This is a contrasting university to Liverpool given that it is campus-based.

Students can begin researching universities using the UniFrog UK Universities search function. For instructions on how to search for 'aspirational', 'solid' and 'safe' universities, please see this video.

#### Y13 PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for attending the Y13 Parents' Evening last night. We hope this gave you a good overview of your child's progress. To help us ensure we continue to improve how we run the Sixth Form Parents' Evenings, please complete this form. Your views are really important to us.

#### **EARLY FINISH FRIDAY**

The timings for **Friday 19th December** are as follows:

- Extended Break:
   10.45–11.30am.
- Period 3:11.30–12.15pm.
- Early Finish: 12.15pm



# WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Please <u>click here</u>
to view the
Assessment calendar, which includes
key dates for the
year ahead.



15-19 December 2025

DAY	YEAR 12	YEAR 13	OTHER EVENTS
MONDAY	Monday reset – The Sixth	Monday reset – <i>The Sixth</i>	
TUESDAY	Celebration Assembly	Study Skills: Holiday work	Careers Advisor
WEDNESDAY	Fun Wednesday  Christmas Film  Challenge	Celebration Assembly	
THURSDAY	Christmas Quiz	Christmas Quiz	
FRIDAY	End-of-year reflection	Christmas Church Assembly	Early finish (see p.1)

### **NEWS**



#### **Sixth Form Christmas lunch:**

#### A big Christmas celebration of community

This year's Sixth Form Christmas Lunch was an incredible success, bringing together almost 170 students for a lunch of festive cheer. The Lower Hex was decorated and students enjoyed a full Christmas dinner complete with all the trimmings, served to them at the table with proper plates, knives and forks.

From the moment students sat down, the festive atmosphere was abundant, with Christmas music playing, it added to the celebration. As students chatted with friends, pulled crackers, and eagerly awaited their meals, the good humour and camaraderie of the Sixth Form community shone through.

In addition to the delicious Christmas dinner, students were served juice and water, along with mince pies, courtesy of our wonderful Sixth Form team and Tutors. The staff's cheerful service, paired with the students' enthusiasm and spirit, made the event run smoothly from start to finish.

A huge thank you to all of our students who participated in making this event such a success. Your positive energy and sense of community made it! We also want to extend our thanks to all the Sixth Form staff and Tutors who helped serve the students and contributed to the smooth running of the event.

The Sixth Form Christmas Lunch was a perfect reminder of the fantastic spirit that makes our school community so special. Here's to many more moments of celebration in the year ahead!





## NEWS

#### **Christmas Tree continuation...**

The Christmas Tree Decorating Competition will be judged slightly later than originally planned, at breaktime on **Monday 15th December**. This gives both year groups the opportunity to put the finishing touches on their trees. They are looking good so far!













### BIRTHDAYS



T. Corrie

T. Scammell

J. Klass

T. Smith

O. Lapniewski

K. Stevenson

S. McGrath

S. Swindell

A. Miller

T. Ward



### BAE SYSTEMS

#### Degree Apprenticeships

Thank you to those students who attending the BAE Systems presentation. Please see a copy of his presentation by <u>clicking here</u>.

#### **Year 13 Students**

Mr Kelly has offered to mentor any Y13 students who would like to apply in this year's cycle. This is an amazing opportunity to get support with writing your application well, preparing for your interview and securing the position. If you intend to apply, please can you first check and decide what role you want to apply for <a href="here">here</a> and let Mrs Hughes know by the end of term before we break up for Christmas. I will be arranging for Mr Kelly to come in and support you with your applications early in the new year.

#### **Year 12 Students**

Interested Y12 students should read the presentation carefully especially the slides on P19 and P20 on behaviours and see how you can develop your skills, knowledge and behaviours to align yourself well for the application cycle next year. Please ask a member of the Sixth Form team or your form tutor for support with personal development, extra-curricular, leadership opportunities, etc.

Finally, if you have any specific questions, please contact Mrs Hughes

Ihughes@lymmhigh.org.uk



## REMINDERS

#### DONT FORGET TO:

#### KEY DATES AND ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

A reminder to check the Key Dates and Assessment Calendar for important dates throughout the academic year. Please note that this link is also always on the 'What's on this week' page (p.2).

#### SIXTH FORM DRIVERS

If you wish to use the Sixth Form car park, your car must be registered with school here. Please always drive carefully, keeping to the 5mph speed limit. Be especially mindful of pedestrians at the zebra crossing and ensure you park considerately so the space can be used safely by everyone.

#### **UNIFROG PARENT ACCESS**

Important changes and enhancements have been announced to Unifrog access for parents. Action required if parents wish to continue using our Careers Platform. Please click here to read the letter sent recently.

#### ILC AVAILABILITY

The ILC is now available for silent study Monday to Friday (9am to 3pm), according to the timetable shown overleaf. Students should also check the timetable on the door for any areas not in use.



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#### ILC AVAILABILITY FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM SILENT STUDY

LC OPENING HOURS ARE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM TO 3PM

WEEK A	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
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Period 2										
Period 3										
Period 4										
Period 5										

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ADDITIONAL LESSONS & FULL DAY CLOSURES MAY TAKE PLACE THAT ARE NOT ON THIS TIMETABLE

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# FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES



#### University of Law Business School Work Experience Evening

Tuesday 16th December, 5-7.30pm (virtual)

This free event is aimed at Year 12 and 13 students who are considering studying business, accounting or marketing at university. The event will include workshops, and it will be an excellent opportunity for you to have a mini-taster session on the subjects you could be studying at university. It will also include a mini session on applying to UCAS and how to make a standout personal statement. The three highly interactive workshops, will include:

- Management Do we really need managers, and what do they do in companies?
- Marketing Strategies used in businesses to attract customers effectively
- Accounting & Finance 40-minute workshop session on a live case study

To sign up, please <u>click here</u>.



#### **INVESTIN**

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Forensic Science
International Politics
Investment Banking
Law

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Media
Medicine
Psychology
Veterinary Science
Career Discovery (Ages 12-14)

#### REGISTER NOW

Early-bird ends on the 31st December



#### SIGN UP NOW

Join our Summer School Webinar on Monday 15th December



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### FUTURES OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Key Apprenticeship Links**

- <u>Current apprenticeships in the Warrington area</u>
- Higher & Degree Apprenticeship Vacancies October 2024
- Cheshire and West Apprenticeship
   Opportunities
- Search for an apprenticeship GOV.UK
- A Guide to Traineeships and Apprenticeships Lymm Sixth Form
- Not Going To Uni Search for Opportunities
- Liverpool John Moores University Apprenticeships Courses
- Manchester Metropolitan University Become A Degree Apprentice
- Apprenticeships | University of Salford
- Programmes Apprenticeships The University of Manchester
- Search apprenticeships | UCAS
- NHS Apprenticeships
- <u>Linkedin Degree Apprenticeships</u>

#### **Need More Help?**

Our Careers Advisor, Ms Draper, is available for one-on-one support. Contact Mr Brown at Sixth Form Student Services to book an appointment (nbrown@lymmhigh.org.uk).

### Register for New Degree Apprenticeship Alerts:

- Indeed
- Total Jobs
- Rate My Apprenticeship
- Prospects



## unifrog APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

Wednesday 11 February 4pm - 6pm



Join our virtual fair to learn all about the world of apprenticeships.



scan here to sign up Get your questions answered by the experts.

Join live sessions with employers from across the UK and speak directly to their representatives to achieve your dream apprenticeship!



Our <u>careers website</u> includes a <u>calendar of events</u>, <u>labour market</u> information and a link to Unifrog.



#### **Upcoming Events**

- British Airways Work Experience
   Applications open: Wednesday 7th January 2026, for an opportunity
   between April–July 2026
- Compassionate Careers with St Columba's Hospice 27–29th January 2026, 9.30–3pm (remote)
- STFC Apprenticeship Open Evening
  Tuesday 20th January 2026, 5–8pm
- Virtual Entrepreneurship experience 21–22nd January 2026, 10–3pm
- Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair
   Wednesday 11th February 2026
- Careers with Zurich Insurance (virtual)

  11–12th February 2026, 10–2pm (Deadline to apply: Tuesday 20th January)
- Explore the STEM world of defence & technology 16–18th February 2026, 10–3pm (Teams)

For details of all these events and more, click here.





#### **British Airways Work Experience**

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Work experience programmes at British Airways aim to inspire the next generation of talent by giving students a taste of work and the aviation industry. Work experience can come in lots of different shapes and forms and is a useful stepping-stone between education and starting your career.

You can find out more about British Airways work experience opportunities by clicking here.



#### **Work Experience Insight Days**

Insights Days are 1 day in-person experiences allowing students to gain first-hand experience of working for British Airways. The days include activities, Q&A panels, workshops, tours, guest speakers and more! Insight Days are a perfect introduction to Work Experience at British Airways and can open your eyes to the different departments and roles on offer.

To apply, <u>click here</u> and sign up to Speedbird Z as a user. Go to 'Opportunities' and review our upcoming Insight Days. Select the Insight Day that appeals to you the most and click 'Apply'. This will take you to an application form, which will need to be submitted before the closing date

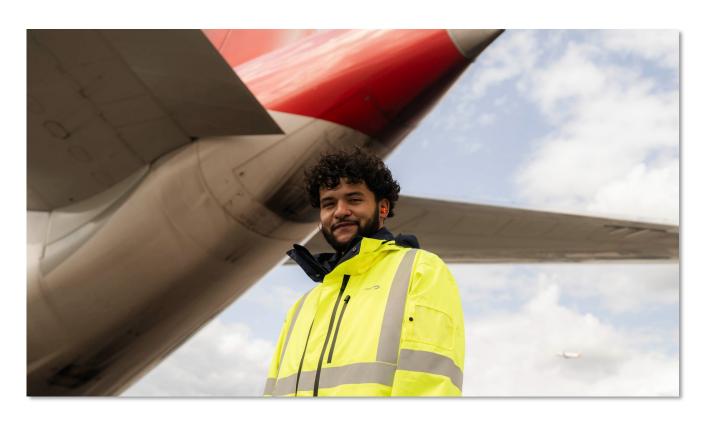




#### **Work Experience Placements**

Work Experience placements allow students to delve deep into specific areas of British Airways and gain an insight into behind-the-scenes activity. Placements are usually 3–4 days long and include activities, tours, employability sessions and project work. Work Experience Placements are an excellent next step after attending an Insight Day where you are able to further your knowledge in your chosen area of the business.

- To apply, <u>click here</u> and sign up to Speedbird Z as a user.
- Go to Modules' then 'Work Experience at BA'.
- Complete the initial 'Work Experience at BA' task to understand more about the programme and eligibility to apply.
- Complete the 'Introduction to...' tasks to learn more about each area of BA that you can do work experience in.
- Further details on how to apply and how to complete your application form are found at the end of each task.







#### **Careers with Zurich Insurance (virtual)**

11-12th February 2026, 10-2pm

Deadline to apply: Tuesday 20th January 2026

During these engaging work experience sessions, you'll discover the many roles and business areas we have here in the UK, as part of our large global insurance company. You'll hear directly from industry professionals and from those early in their careers with us.

You'll also discover the interesting and varied work we do across the financial services sector. It's a great opportunity to see how insurance could be the perfect match for your strengths and skills. And with so many career choices available, there's something for everyone!

Virtual work experience is a great way to learn more about the exciting world of insurance and to put your enthusiasm and passion into action. Along the way, we'll help you develop important skills for your future, such as problem-solving, teamwork and communication skills. You'll come away with a better understanding of yourself, the different paths into our industry and how you can impress future employers. Insurance is evolving quickly, so this is your ideal chance to get ahead and find out more.

For further information, and to apply, click here.







#### Women in Leadership & Technology Work Experience

16-18th February 2026, 10-3pm

Deadline to apply: Monday 19th January 2026

Oracle is the 3rd largest software company in the world with over 160,000 employees across 75 different countries. This unique experience is tailored to help you explore your future career options in a Global Tech Corporation. Whether you've thought about it before, or are just curious about a career in STEM, join us for an insightful 3-day workshop. This programme is run by Oracle Women in Leadership, designed to focus on helping young women in Sixth Form to navigate their career options.

- Discover diverse roles in areas like AI, Sales, HR and Business Development.
   There is so much more behind the scenes of a tech company than you might think!
- Peer-Led Experience: Our programme is delivered by Oracle interns from prestigious universities, many not much older than you! They've built a program that addresses what they wish they'd known at your age.
- Personal Development: We work closely with schools to shape the content around what students like you need most. You'll get to explore topics and skills relevant to your interests and career goals. You will takeaway a better understanding of where you can see yourself in the future.
- Career Guidance: You'll walk away with an experience you can talk about on your CV and through interactive workshops, we'll equip you with the skills to set you up for your first corporate role.

This experience is designed for anyone interested in exploring diverse career paths. No technology background is required! Just bring your curiosity and an open mind, and we'll take care of the rest.

For further information, and to apply, click here.







#### **Tech-driven retail careers**

Thursday 19th February 2026, 10–12.30pm (virtual)
Deadline to apply: Friday 30th January 2026

Are you curious about where a career in retail can take you – from the shop floor to the boardroom? Have you thought about how AI, Cyber Security and Sustainability play a role in the shops where we buy our groceries? Join Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for *Retail Reimagined*, a unique and inspiring virtual event designed to spotlight the exciting range of careers in the grocery retail sector.

The opportunities within retail are incredibly diverse, and most importantly exciting, offering roles you might not even be aware of! This session will give you practical insights, direct from those leading in the industry today.

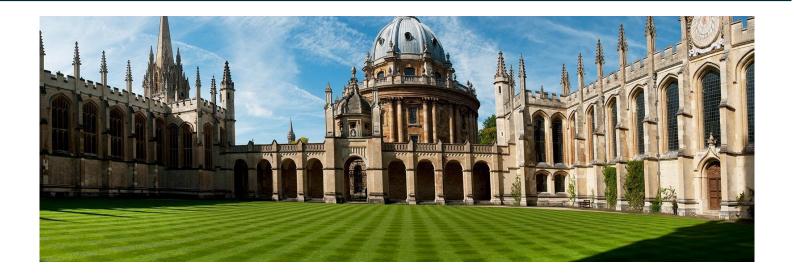
As one of the world's leading technology and consulting companies, TCS partners with top UK grocery retailers such as Asda, Sainsbury's and The Co-op, using technology to solve real world challenges across the food and goods supply chain. From enhancing customer experiences with technology to improving sustainability, TCS is driving transformation across every part of the retail journey.

- Discover how technology and other innovations are revolutionising what goes
  on behind the scenes in stores and how your career could drive a more innovative and sustainable future.
- Hear from professionals and industry leaders across the sector as they share their journeys, tips for career progression, and what hiring managers are really looking for.
- Hear practical advice on how to get your foot in the door, stand out in inter
  - views, and understand the skills that matter most in today's retail world.

For further information, and to apply, <u>click here</u>.



#### **APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY**



#### To view the latest online University events, click here.

These are listed in chronological order and include Open Days (in-person and virtual), online chats and webinars. Students can browse these events and engage with higher education from the comfort of their mobile, tablet or computer.

### UC/\S

- University of Law Business School
   Work Experience Evening
   Tuesday 16th December, 5–7.30pm
   (virtual)
- STEM Support from
   Cambridge University
   Saturday 10th January 2026
- University of Manchester
   mA\*ths online programme
   January to May 2026

For details of these events and more, click here to access our dedicated UCAS webpage, and click the button 'What's on this month'.